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LSUS EMERGENCY BEACON

Campus Wide Alert System

LSUS & Clear Text Technologies team up to provide a "beacon" of security

Justin Tison

LSUS has launched a new emergency notification system, the LSUS Emergency Beacon, which will enable the university to better communicate with students, faculty, and staff regarding emergency situations, such as inclement weather, on-campus incidents, and all campus closures. The system, which is run by ClearTXT Technologies and will send all messages to a person's cell phone via text messages, does require students, faculty, and staff to sign up for it with the option to end all notifications at any time. The link to the site where students can sign up for the new text messaged-based emergency notification system is located on every student's Compass page.

Rebecca Chiles, LSUS campus police chief, believes this is something that will help the university communicate with students and faculty regarding campus closures and any emergency situations.

"This will certainly help improve communication about safety issues on campus," said Chiles. "This will only be used for emergency situations such as inclement weather or other critical situations. This will not be used for updates regarding advising or anything like that."

While other campuses around the state have utilized similar types of systems, the student opt-in rate has been relatively low. Chiles is hoping that the nature of LSUS will help alleviate this problem and allow for a higher student participation rate.

"Since this is basically a commuter campus this service will be very helpful to our students," said Chiles. "Those students who drive here can receive alerts regarding campus emergencies and not have to get all the way here before they are aware of the campus being closed or any threatening emergency situations."

Tara Stephenson, senior, general studies, and Vanicka Newell, senior, English, say they will not be signing up for the new notification system and feel that it is more of a hassle than a help to students.

"I probably wouldn't use it," Newell said. "I do not do any texting and I wouldn't check it if I got it."

"I do not think I would go and sign up for it,"

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Campus Wide Lab TC 224 Hours during Weekend before Finals:

Regular Lab Hours:
Monday-Thursday:
7:30am – 12:00am
Friday:
7:30am – 4:30pm
Saturday:
1:00pm – 5:00pm
Sunday:
1:00pm – 9:00pm

"Weekend Blitz" Extended Hours December 7th – 9th:

Friday:
4:30pm – 12:00am
Saturday:
10:00am – 12:00am
Sunday:
10:00am – 12:00am

Myspace or Face to Face?

Graduating students struggle with interpersonal skills in the real world

Leslie Rodriguez

Are you constantly glued to your Myspace or Facebook? When you want to talk to someone, do you text message instead of calling? If you haven't seen a friend for a while, do you email them instead of meeting up? If you answered yes to any of these questions, chances are, you need to develop interpersonal skills.

Trainingprism.com defines "interpersonal skills" as a person's ability to work effectively with another person. In other words, interpersonal skills are what make a person a "people person." According to Casey Harvill, assistant director of the Career Center, this kind of person is more likely to land a job than a person who lacks these skills.

With the explosion of technology our generation, it's possible the extended use of the internet and cell phones keep students from socializing, ultimately limit-

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Casey Harvill
assistant director of the Career Center

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Editorial

The Almagest revisited

Devin White

This is the second to the last issue of the Almagest, and this semester the newspaper has gone through more changes then your dirty underwear!

The staff has grown and learned a lot. We've fought, kicked and screamed every week, but we have continued to work together. At times, we wanted to quit, but our passion for this profession has outlasted any negative feelings. Unfortunately, we have lost soldiers along the way, and I can honestly say their presence has been greatly missed.

The semester began with remodeling the layout of the Almagest. We changed the banner on the front page, added more visuals, and even had a few issues with color. We created a Myspace account so that students can post their comments and suggestions for the Almagest. From the Jena 6 to becoming wireless on campus, we have covered a variety of stories that concern the students, campus, and our state.

As the semester comes to a close, it's a time of reflection for all of us. When I look back at the last few months I can't help but feel like I could have done a better job as a student and as an editor. But then I look back at the person I was on Aug. 27 and at the person I am today and realize I am a stronger individual.

It's true: we are our own worse critic. I ask that you keep that little saying in mind as you enter into the next weeks tweaked out from too much coffee and endless all-nighters. Remember, in the end, cutting yourself a little slack is just about all you can do to make it through the long hard drive we call college.

Retraction

The article "Campus wide lab extends hours" in last week's issue incorrectly stated that part of the SGA bill regarding the opening of TC209 during the "Weekend Blitz" would not be open due to concerns regarding electrical equipment. In fact, the bill was passed in full without opposition meaning TC209 will be open during the "Weekend Blitz." Thank you SGA members for bringing this to our attention.

Your comments count! E-mail the Almagest at almagest@lsus.edu with questions, comments, and your feedback.

Your suggestions matter!

CAMPUS BEAT

Student apathy stifles new IDs

Justin Tison

The new student ID cards that all LSUS students were told to get at the beginning of the semester are not being used to their full potential by LSUS students and the university.

The new cards can be used as student debit cards with students putting money into a student account and then accessing the money at the Port, the bookstore, and other locations around campus, such as vending machines. The IDs also can be used as electronic keys which would verify if someone is a student and allow them access to buildings and other areas after hours. So far, this technology is not available to students on campus due to apparent student apathy and a lack of commitment towards acquiring the necessary technology and support for these features by the university.

Currently the IDs, which have an electronic strip on the back containing student information, can only be used to determine if someone is a student so they can access the campus wide lab in the Technology Center, on-campus activities, and to make purchases at the campus bookstore. According to Joseph Pearson, Director of the University Center, the features currently being used by our new ID system are just the tip of the iceberg but a lack of enthusiasm and interest by students to utilize the full capabilities of the IDs has kept the university from putting forth any effort to make them a reality.

"A commitment needs to be made by the campus community, both students and the University, to bring in the support and technology to make the other features of the IDs a reality on campus," said Pearson.

Britney Brock, senior, marketing, believes using the new IDs as student debit cards is not a good fit for LSUS and something that she would not do unless forced to by the university.

"If we lived on campus it would make more sense because we would always be here. The IDs would mean more in the same way our bank debit cards do," Brock said.

"If we got a discount from using it then I would consider it. They would need to make it more beneficial for students to use as opposed to their own debit cards."

Joseph Hayes, Student Government Association president, who is not hearing much from students regarding the issue, feels it may have something to do with a lack of communication regarding the benefits the new IDs' features give students or that students may not even know about the capabilities of the new IDs.

"Personally, I believe students would love it if they had it, but right now they do not see the direct impact," according to Hayes.

"I am under the impression; however, that if this was something [students] wanted then it would happen."

New courses added to spring schedule

Jennifer Cook

Several new classes will be offered to LSUS student in the spring 2008 semester.

One that will be offered by Professor John Sigle will be offering CSC 120: Introduction to Programming. Professor Sigle plans on using the virtual world of "Second Life" to teach the course. Second Life is a "3D digital world imagined and created by its Residents" according to their website. Professor Sigle will use this program to help motivate students.

Robert Alford will also be offering COMM 290: The History of Rock and Roll. Dr. Alford hopes to educate his students by giving them a survey of American popular music ranging from Ray Charles to Nirvana.

Another class offered will be CJ 290 Cadet Corps. Instructor Rich Arnold will be teaching the course. The course is open to all majors and is also a pre-requisite for participation in Cadet Corp as an internship, CJ 399. The class offers five different aspects that will be needed for the next level. With this class students will have the necessary skill to assist the campus police as an auxiliary force. The course can be taken as a general elective or as a pre-requisite.

For those wanting to have a healthier outlook on classes, HPE 190: Zumba Dancing will also be available. For more information regarding times, feel free to visit www.zumba.com.

Other classes include Dr. Lynn Walford's Latin American Cinema course, and Trey Gibson's COMM 290: Business and Professional Speaking course.

Talk to your advisor about how to register for these courses.

Congratulations Dr. Carlos Spaht!

for receiving United States Professor of the Year in the Outstanding Master's Universities category.

Way to go Dr. Spaht!

BEACON cont'

Stephenson added.

While some students are not going to opt-in for the emergency texts, the jury is still out on whether or not all LSUS students feel that the new system will be more of a hindrance. Nicole Goad, vice president of the SGA, believes that the system will work and that it will be helpful to our campus community.

"I will opt-in," said Goad. "I think it is a good idea."

MYSPACE cont'

ing their job opportunities once they graduate college.

"Students now-a-days find it easier to communicate by email, but you have to be able to interact and be personable in most jobs," said Harvill.

"I use websites to communicate with my friends because it is easier. I know that it might affect me once I get a serious job and I can't express myself properly or professionally," said Elver Tapia, sophomore, business. Tapia also mentioned that some people are too shy to interact face-to-face so they do it through the internet.

"The problem with not using the spoken word is that you need to have those skills in today's world which is so customer-driven," said Harvill.

"The ability for employees to successfully work together has become critical, and how interpersonally effective they are plays a key role in how well they perform," said David Collins, vice president of Training Solutions, Tracom Group.

Harvill advises students that need to work on their interpersonal skills to get involved in campus and interact with different groups of people. She even suggests volunteer work if you don't want to stay on campus.

"Your resume is going to get you in the door, but your interview is going to get you the job," said Harvill.

Fall 2007 Final Exam Schedule

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Regular Class Starting Time	MWF 7:00 AM	MWF 8:00 AM	MWF 9:00 AM	MWF 10:00 AM	MWF 11:00 AM
Final Exam Day and Time	M Dec 10 at 8:00 AM	F Dec 14 at 8:00 AM	W Dec 12 at 8:00 AM	M Dec 10 at 10:30 AM	F Dec 14 at 10:30 AM
Regular Class Starting Time	MWF 12:00 PM	MWF 1:00 PM	MWF 2:00 PM	MWF 3:00 PM	MWF 4:00 PM
Final Exam Day and Time	W Dec 12 at 10:30 AM	M Dec 10 at 1:00 PM	W Dec 12 at 1:00 PM	W Dec 12 at 3:00 PM	M Dec 10 at 3:00 PM
Regular Class Starting Time	TR 7:45 AM	TR 9:10 AM	TR 11:15 AM	TR 12:40 AM	TR 3:30 PM
Final Exam Day and Time	T Dec 11 at 8:00 AM	R Dec 13 at 8:00 AM	T Dec 11 at 10:30 AM	R Dec 13 at 1:00 PM	T Dec 11 at 3:00 PM
Regular Class Starting Time	M 4:30/5:00/5:30	T or TR 4:30/5:00/5:30	W 4:30/5:00/5:30	MW 4:30/5:00/5:30	R 4:30/5:00/5:30
Final Exam Day and Time	M Dec 10 at 5:00 PM	T Dec 11 at 5:00 PM	W Dec 12 at 5:00 PM	W Dec 12 at 5:00 PM	R Dec 13 at 5:00 PM
Regular Class Starting Time	MW 6:00 PM M 6:00 PM M 6:30 PM	TR 6:00 PM T 6:00 PM T 6:30 PM	MW 6:30 PM W 6:00 PM W 6:30 PM	TR 6:30 PM R 6:00 PM R 6:30 PM	
Final Exam Day and Time	M Dec 10 at 7:00 PM	T Dec 11 at 7:00 PM	W Dec 12 at 7:00 PM	R Dec 13 at 7:00 PM	

Black Friday results in Best Buy uproar

Jessica Clinton

At 10 p.m., the night before Thanksgiving, customers began to settle in outside of Best Buy. Now, these individuals are not your regular holiday shoppers. These geared-up, wide eyed people are Black Friday bargain seekers, and they are a different breed of shoppers.

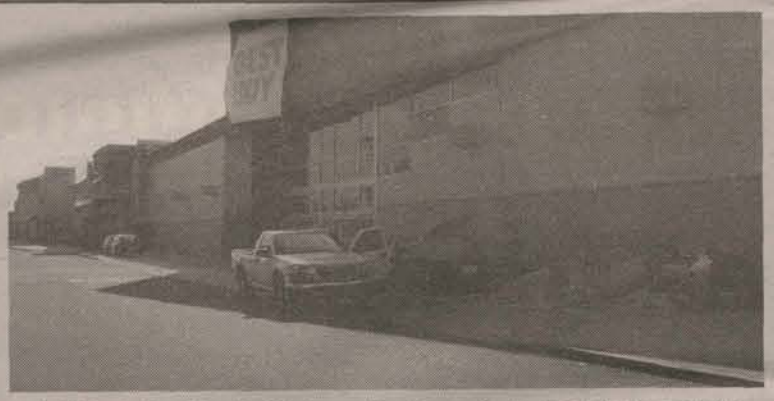
Shawn Rinaudo, junior, biochemistry, and Best Buy employee said the traffic in the store was extremely busy but did seem slightly slower than last year. He believes this is because of the opening of the Best Buy in Bossier City.

Throughout the night, rain, wind and freezing cold enveloped these bargain seekers, many of which had tents, blankets, heaters and folding chairs lining the sidewalk to block themselves from the cold and an allow for a little bit of relaxation while they patiently awaited 4 a.m. when the tickets for the door buster items would be handed out. The store technically opened its doors at 5 a.m.

Dustin Clinton, sophomore, marketing, was one of these early bird shoppers. He arrived outside of Best Buy in Shreveport at 10:30 am on Thanksgiving morning. His items of choice: a $399 Sony Vaio laptop computer for his sister and a $270 desktop computer package for himself. Best Buy employees are not privileged enough to get dibbs on any of the door buster deals unless they have someone wait in line for them or wait in line themselves.

"It was a madhouse, but it was a great experience," Clinton said upon leaving Best Buy at 6 a.m.

When asked if he would do it again, he said that he definitely plans on it.



LSUS student Dustin Clinton patiently awaits for Best Buy's doors to open at 5 a.m.

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SGA Forum

Joe Hayes

As we bring the semester to a close, I'd like to step back and see just what we've accomplished so far.

In my first column of the semester, I highlighted four major issues that we would be taking up this year. Unbelievably, three of the four are done (or close to it)! Wireless Internet, Website Blocking, and the Attendance Policy have all been dealt with. The SGA has submitted what we consider an excellent attendance policy that is now waiting for review by the Faculty Senate. The fourth issue is the financial aid policy. The SGA will start work on that when we come back in January. Pete the Pilot finally made his appearance, and we held an SGA day complete with free pizza for students to come out and talk to their Senators. Finally, let's not forget the total class time revamp that has been proposed! We need more afternoon classes, a longer common hour, and no more 7:45 a.m. classes! For more info on that, check out our website at www.lsussga.com

Next semester, we will be looking into student discounts. We'd like more of them, and we'd like them to be easier for students to find and use. We will also be putting together Tech Fee proposals to make sure that the technologies students are asking for are brought to our campus as quickly as possible. Look for another SGA day, and a SGA forum for students to come and ask questions about problems going on around the campus. What else would you like us to look at doing for students? Email us at SGA@LSUS.EDU. Have a great Christmas break! See you next semester.

Gypsy Horoscopes

a look into your future from your student gypsies, Fola and Devin

Sagittarius: Happy Birthday! This next year will certainly be better than the last. Look forward to some time spent with yourself. Do a little soul searching. It might do some good.

Capricorn: You're the life of the party this weekend! Just make sure you don't over do it or you may end up with a headache. Your head will need to be completely clear come Monday.

Aquarius: You've been feeling a bit under the weather lately. It's time for you to start dosing up on Vitamin-C to help fight off that fatigue you've been feeling.

Pisces: Your ability to lead helps you shine through the next week at work. Could a promotion be in the near future?

Aries: You are known for being head strong and a great leader. By having these wonderful qualities you will lead a life of great success.

Taurus: The determination you have will make you the star of the show. But try not to tick off people to much when you soak up the lime light.

Gemini: Your sign is air. Try to come down to earth when your problems are getting out of control. Keep the faith.

Cancer: The loving spirit you have brings friends and family close to during the holiday season. Show your love to them by cooking those famous brownies they all love.

Leo: Don't worry about the grade you made on that essay for English!! Your ambition and persistence will lead you to make nothing but A's on your finals.

Virgo: Just because you received that settlement check from the insurance company last month doesn't mean you should let it burn through your pocket. Put some cash away for a rainy day. A storm is coming soon.

Libra: Your balanced approach to life will help you at work this week. But make sure when you do choose a side of the scale that it's the right one

Scorpio: You know that cutie that sits next to you in class? Well, he'd like to borrow more than just your notes! Lend him some of your time, and you might find what you've been looking for all semester!

Fall Symposium on Racism
November 30th

Dr. Christopher Hale
"Hate On the World Wide Web"

Dr. Bernadette Palombo
"Racist Practices in the Criminal Justice System: Justice or Racism for the Jena 6"

Want to be a part of the Almagest staff for the Spring 2008 semester? Stop by Room 344 in Bronson Hall or email us at almagest@lsus.edu. If you can write, copy edit, or take photos, we need you!

SPORTS

Men's Basketball: Home Games		
WHEN:	OPPONENT:	TIME:
January 10th	Belhaven	7:30 p.m.
January 12th	Dillard	4 p.m.
January 23rd	Xavier	7:30 p.m.
January 26th	William Carey	4 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Home Games		
WHEN:	OPPONENT:	TIME:
December 14th	Paul Quinn	7 p.m.
December 15th	Wiley	4 p.m.
January 10th	Belhaven	5:30 p.m.
January 12th	Dillard	2 p.m.

Pilots win sixth in a row

Kyle Blakenship

The LSUS Pilots men's basketball team picked up another victory on Saturday afternoon, defeating NCAA Division 3 UT-Tyler 77-65.

The explosive LSUS offense (94.6 PPG) was held in check for the entire first half, scoring just 25 points in the first 20 minutes of the game. Senior Travis Cash was the lone bright spot in the first half for the Pilots with 8 points and 2 assists.

In the second half, the Pilots offense got back on track courtesy of seniors Jamon Morris, Josh Porter and J'Quincy Jones.

Morris scored 17 of his 18 points in the second half on 7-of-10 shooting from the field, while Porter and Jones poured in 11 and 8 second-half points respectively.

The Pilots pumped in 52 second-half points en route to a 77-65 victory.

Porter led all scorers with 19 points, and Jamon Morris collected his fourth double-double on the season with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Cash (12) and Jones (10) both also finished in double-figure scoring.

LSUS moves to 6-0 with the win, and will now face a tough Texas College team on Wednesday night at "The Dock." The Pilots needed a 25-foot 3-point shot by Josh Porter to defeat Texas College 100-97 earlier this season.

Lady Pilots tame Lady Tigers 73-63

Kyle Blakenship

Marshall, TX - The LSUS Lady Pilots snapped a three-game skid with a 73-63 victory over East Texas Baptist University on Monday night.

LSUS, which had lost its three previous contests, moves to 2-3 with the win. It was the Lady Pilots' first win against ETBU in the last three meetings between the two area rivals.

The Lady Pilots used an outstanding first-half defensive performance to take a 31-25 lead into the locker room at halftime. LSUS held ETBU to just 25% shooting from the field in the first 20 minutes of action, while also forcing 11 Lady Tiger turnovers.

In the second half, the scoring for both teams picked up quite a bit. Senior Edie Leonards scored all 16 of her points in the final 20 minutes, while freshman Amanda Perkins added 9 second-half points from off the bench.

Perkins finished the game in double-figures with a career-high 11 points.

The Lady Tigers got as close as 2 points with just over five minutes left to play, but a late defensive push by the Lady Pilots forced several turnovers which resulted in a couple of easy baskets.

LSUS would seal the victory at the free-throw line, shooting 9-for-10 (90%) in the final three minutes.

Junior post players Janai Sells and Quan Joseph did an admirable job defensively on ETBU's leading scoring Dana Alexander, holding her to a season low 11 points. Alexander came into tonight's game averaging over 19 points on the season.

Sells ended the night with a season-high 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Pilots will have an eight-day break before facing Texas Wesleyan on Dec. 4.

Sports Picks of the Week

Dezi Mitchell asks your LSUS staff and students on outcomes of upcoming games

Mark Hux
Graduate Student

NO: 27	DAL: 23
TB: 27	GB: 14

Mike Schwalke
Graduate Student

NO: 0	DAL: 31
TB: 72	GB: 20

Jen Perrett
Graduate Student

NO: 24	DAL: 34
TB: 21	GB: 28

Wolfgang Hinck
Marketing Professor

NO: 28	DAL: 16
TB: 17	GB: 17

Sara Lehane
Graduate Student

NO: 20	DAL: 15
TB: 15	GB: 7

ENTERTAINMENT

"it's time for you to choose the bullet or the chapstick and you are far too cute or whatever he said"

-Brand New
Shower Scene

Check out Brand New's Discography:

The Devil and God are Raging Inside Me

Deja Entendu

Your Favorite Weapon

Brand New

An inside look at Brand New's performance in New Orleans

Derick Jones

As most of you know by now, I do the weekly music reviews of the latest albums on the market. This week I will be reviewing the latest concert I've been to: Brand New.

The concert itself was located at the House of Blues in New Orleans. A quick trip south and I found myself transfixed at the thought of actually seeing one of my all time favorite bands, Brand New. Opening up for the band were mewithouty-ou and Thrice, two bands that I also wanted to see.

As an avid Brand New fan and a part of the Brand New Street team, seeing them in concert was the "cherry on top" of the sundae. Since my sophomore year of high school I have imagined seeing them in concert and finally, Tuesday during Thanksgiving Break, I did.

At 8:15 on the dot , Jesse Lacey and the band members lined themselves onstage to depict to me what I would hope to be an amazing concert. Little did I know that only three songs from their first and second album would appear during the hour and 45 minute show. Not that hearing their third album, The Devil and God are Raging Inside Me, was a bad listen, but it wasn't completely expected.

I kept praying to hear "Jude Law and the Semester Abroad" or "Guernica," but rhymes of "Sowing Season" and the like from their third album blared through the sound system. As an early birthday present to myself, 21 next week, I imagined seeing Brand New to be the ultimate, if not best, present so far. To say the least, it was not a let down, but it did fall short of being.

"Sic Transit Gloria" was the second played followed by guitar jams from bassist Garrett Tierney. Towards the end, the crowd was filled with nothing but chants of "Magazine" and

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Please join us as the band LIMIT performs hit songs by artists such as The Beatles, Feist, Coldplay, and Death Cab for Cutie in a holiday atmosphere.

LIMIT

goes to LOUISIANA BOARDWALK

November 30th, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Near Fountain at Main Entrance

Weekly Music Line-Up

When:	Where:	Bands:
November 29th @ 7:30 pm	artspace	the Winks
November 30th @ 8 pm	Harlequin Alley	Porcelain Arms, Twice Taken, Where Moon Is & Wellington
December 1st @ 10 pm	Sharpies	Bart Crow & The Sons of William
December 2nd @ 7 pm	Horseshoe Casino	Bill Bush

No Country For Old Men

an inside look from movie critic Chris Gray

Written and directed by the infamous Coen brothers, Joel and Ethan, "No Country for Old Men" is a tale of greed and murder during the 1980's.

Josh Brolin ("Grindhouse," "Into the Blue,"), Tommy Lee Jones ("The Hunted," "The Missing"), and Javier Bardem ("Love in the Time of Cholera," "Collateral") give the best performances of their acting careers in this film. Each one of them brought something unique and essential to their roles.

Josh Brolin has always been a solid performer and once again he demonstrates how well he can act. He conveys emotion not through body language, but with a constant sadness that permeates his character. You can feel the sadness his character holds as he realizes the depth of the situation he finds himself in.

Tommy Lee Jones has always been a great actor although if some of his movies have not been up par, he never disappoints. The same can be said of his performance in this movie. He portrays an aged "soon-to-retire" cop with such dignity and conviction that you would think he truly is about to retire. His narration during the film is superb as well. He can carry a cast with poor talent, but when he is put into a film where all the stars shine, he is a supernova of cinematic chemistry.

Javier Bardem is a virtual nobody, but he leaves his mark on this film. Bardem's cool, collected demeanor and on screen charisma is what dreams and Oscars are made of. His ability to portray a psycho so well speaks volumes of his ability. Shivers ran down my spine as he talked to his victims about the sides of a coin and how they would be the ultimate decider of their fate. Bardem is a definite contender in the Oscar race.

The Coen brothers' direction in films has always been good. Generally this duo makes excellent films, but I can't say the same for this film. Their ability with direction is astounding as they bring out the best in talent, but honestly, the two couldn't write their way out of a

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Pelican Briefs

BRAND NEW cont'

"Play Crack the Sky" as the band carried through with newer, unfulfilling songs.

During their finale, lead singer Lacey played the ultimate of guitar solos after coming back on stage (accompanied by all other band members) to play a riff like no other. After concluding, he fell short of "promising" the crowd with "Seventy Times Seven," a song in which all Brand New fans love and know.

As he finished stating the promise he walked off stage leaving all on goers with a sense of hope, but he never returned. Crushed, I filtered out of the House of Blues only to remember the once dreamed about band with hated emotion and disbelief towards the performance.

In no way do I consider this to be a bad concert, only an experience that I wished could have been better. Every band member was on their game and blasted chords and beats all the way to the ceiling. Every minute I was captivated by Lacey's voice as he twisted through his lyrics and melodies. This concert may have fallen short of my expectations, but what I received in the end was a better love and greater admiration towards Brand New.

NO COUNTRY cont'

wet paper sack. The downfall of this film is there is no discernible plot; it's just random scenes with narration and a few guns thrown into a two hour crime drama. The dialog was poor at best. Thankfully the actors were able to salvage some of the lines so they didn't sound like they were written by an eight-year-old. Nothing helped progress the film along except the feeling that at some point you might have an epiphany and understand the random feel of the film.

"No Country for Old Men" is a good "one-watch" film because after that you may not want to see it again for about 10 years or until you've forgotten the plot.

Follow Fola

Fola Hammones

The Thanksgiving break was wonderful for me. I was able to spend time with my dysfunctional family and eat plenty of healthy and unhealthy food. The Biggest Loser Challenge was in the back of my mind when I was eating the turkey and dressing. After a short time, I grew weary of all the holiday trimmings. So my friends and I decided to eat at the new TGI Friday's on Youree Drive.

I was so happy with the menu there. They have an entire section dedicated to healthy food; the lighter side of Friday's. Items like Dragon fire Chicken, Shrimp Key West and Garlic Chicken Primavera are offered as low-fat items. It was extremely refreshing to see the prices were marked reasonably as well.

What many people have a problem with when they go out to eat is picking the correct meal. What looks good may not always be the best option for you.

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SAB Schedule

Coffehouse Presents:
Kristen Diable
11/29 @ 10:30 a.m.
UC Port Stage

UC Late Night
Salsa Magic
12/4 @ 8 p.m.
UC Lobby

Stress Free Zone
12/6 @ 10:30 a.m.
UC Lobby

Movie Night:
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
12/6 @ 7 p.m.
UC Lobby

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